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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Employees Activity Branch

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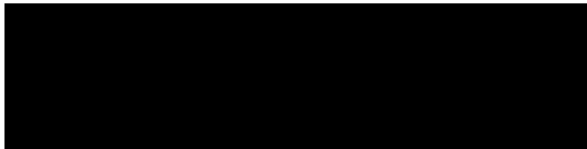
ATTENTION :

SUBJECT

: Suggestion Award #69-223  
transmittal dated 18 February 1969

1. The attached suggestion award involving the use of Video Tape equipment for the purpose of increasing the effectiveness of Agency communications has been reviewed within the Technical Division. With those who have had limited experience in TV production there is a feeling that the system referred to in the suggestion is "TV Production over simplified". The suggestion has merit from other points mentioned as far as increasing the general efficiency of communications, training, etc. However, video recording to be completely effective and efficient must be made by competent technical personnel in addition to those essential to the editing and screening of material. The problems increase for audio/video recordings. There are other hidden costs which would be involved in this undertaking not the least being those requirements for security of storage and handling of tapes in the field, and real emanations security problems involved in the record and playback portions of this equipment.

2. The overall idea is excellent, but on a short run cost for cost basis the video communications systems as envisioned is believed to entail far greater costs than present methods.

  
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